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SUBJEC : STEPHEN A. HAUKNES

FOR RELEASE TO NEWSPAPERS OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1975

-- MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR STEVEN A. HAUKNES

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FOREIGN SERVICE STAFF OFFICER STEVEN A. HAUKNES, KILLED BY COMMUNIST FORCES AT HUE, SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE TET OFFENSIVE, 1968 WILL BE HELD AT THE NORTH VIKING LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MADDOCK, NORTH DAKOTA AT 10 AM, FRIDAY, APRIL 4. THE WIDOW IS MRS. ALPHA F. HAUKNES, OF FARGO, N.D.

MR. HAUKNES HAD BEEN LISTED AS MISSING SINCE THE DATE HE WAS LAST REPORTED ALIVE, JANUARY 31, 1968, AFTER HIS CAPTURE BY COMMUNIST FORCES IN HUE. REMAINS FOUND IN AUGUST, 1974 BURIED IN A SHALLOW GRAVE IN HUE WERE RECENTLY IDENTIFIED AS THOSE OF MR. HAUKNES. IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE SKELETAL STRUCTURE AND DENTAL RECORDS BY THE U.S. ARMED SERVICES GRAVE REGISTRATION OFFICE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT, BASED ON FINDINGS OF THE U.S. CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY IN THAILAND. ALTHOUGH THE REMAINS WERE DISCOVERED IN 1974, IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES WERE NOT COMPLETED UNTIL MARCH, 1975. THE REMAINS WERE FLOWN TO THE U.S. LAST WEEK AND HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO MADDOCK, WHERE MR. HAUKNES' PARENTS LIVE, AND WHERE HE WAS

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BORN 34 YEARS AGO.

MR. HAUKNES RECEIVED THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S HIGHEST AWARD, THE SECRETARY'S AWARD, ON MAY 17, 1974, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS COURAGE, PERFORMANCE, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY IN VIETNAM, 1967-68. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON MR. HAUKNES IS ATTACHED.

-- BIOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

-- STEVEN A. HAUKNES

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: JULY 28, 1941

-- MADDOCK, NORTH DAKOTA

STATE DEPARTMENT POSITION TITLE: VICE CONSUL

-- DANANG, SOUTH VIETNAM

ENTERED ON DUTY WITH STATE DEPT: JUNE, 1966.

-- WENT TO VIETNAM IN

-- JANUARY, 1967

EDUCATION: UNIVERSITY OF NORTH

-- DAKOTA, PHB, 1963,

-- LLB, 1965.

MEMBER OF NORTH DAKOTA BAR, 1965. PARTNER IN DATA PROCESSING SERVICE, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA.

MARRIED TO THE FORMER ALPHA FALEIDE, 1962, WHO RESIDES IN FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA, WITH TWIN SONS: BRADLEY AND BRENT, AGE 10.

MR. HAUKNES'S PARENTS ARE MR. AND MRS. ANSEL HAUKNES OF MADDOCK, NORTH DAKOTA. OTHER RELATIVES INCLUDE PAUL HAUKNES (BROTHER), LOS ANGELES; ROBERT HAUKNES (BROTHER), WASHINGTON, D.C.; AND MRS. MARGARET HORSTMAN (SISTER), LOS ANGELES.

FRANK A. SIEVERTS

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